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CAN YOU GET JELLYFISH IN SPACE?

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ILLUSTRATED BY: Liz Kay

PUBLISHER: Puffin Books



ABOUT THE BOOK:

In this book you'll discover the intrepid animals who have travelled into space, from Ham the chimpanzee to Félicette the cat, and perhaps most surprising of all, the 60,000 jellyfish who have orbited the Earth (did you know you can also get jellyfish-shaped galaxies?). We'll meet the microscopic creatures that can survive in the vacuum of space, and try to answer the question: do aliens really exist?

Dr Sheila Kanani's Book Recommendations



Author: Oliver Jeffers
Publisher: HarperCollins
Children's Books



Author: Tom Fletcher
Publisher: Penguin Random
House Children's

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Dr Sheila Kanani is a planetary physicist, science presenter, secondary school physics teacher, space comedian and published author, with a background in astrophysics and astronomy research from UK universities. She regularly acts as a science ambassador, visiting schools and speaking at events. Sheila is currently the Education, Outreach and Diversity officer for the Royal Astronomical Society. Sheila enjoys walking on her local beach with her family of boys, playing sports, gazing at the stars, reading and eating (preferably reading whilst eating!). Her favourite planet is Saturn.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

When not busy doodling, Liz is usually found hiking and biking around the Yorkshire countryside and playing tennis for her local club. Liz has worked on a variety of commissions across illustrated maps, hand lettering and calligraphy, greetings cards, infographics, children's books, newspapers and magazines, animation, murals, personalised illustrations and wedding stationery.

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World Book Day have worked with Coram Beanstalk and Bag Books to create activities that open the door to each book before the child even opens the front cover.

BOOK CHAT:

- Do you think it's possible for animals to travel into space without humans? How could this help our understanding of space?
- Would you like to go to space? What would be the most exciting things to see if you did?
- Do you think you would like to go and live on another planet? What would your ideal planet be like? Would you like to meet aliens? What would you miss the most about Earth?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

Play a game of Space Pictionary!

You will need 2 players, some paper and a pencil.

Player 1 starts by drawing something related to space and Player 2 has to guess what they are drawing. Take your drawings step by step so they don't guess too quickly!

You could also have a go at drawing some of the animals which have travelled into space and see if your partner can guess which animal you are drawing.

SENSORY ACTIVITY:

Let's go on a Cosmic Adventure:

Get a torch and cut a circle shape out of paper or card. Once you have your circle, draw and cut out some shapes in the centre of your circle, which can include stars, a moon or even a rocket (You can download a free template at bagbooks.org if you'd like some help). Place the circle over the torch in a dark room and turn on the torchlight. Watch as stars, moon and rockets appear on the walls!

You could even play some cool cosmic sounds to set the mood and dress up like an astronaut. Use a silver emergency blanket as your space suit, and wear moon boots (wellington boots covered in foil) for your spacewalk among the stars.

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